CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER, 2009

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; Mr. Jack Angelo, Member; Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director.

Mr. Dan Moeglin, City Engineer, was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by J.Angelo to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by L.Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Old Riverside Park Issues The Director and Board members noted that here was no new information with regard to this issue so the item remained tabled.
- 2. Park Brochure Development The Director informed the Board that the volunteer had the information and pictures that he had put together, and she was working on a layout.
- 3. Name and signage for trail along West Branch of Nimishillen Creek The Board discussed the signage for the trail. Mr. Moeglin stated that both Stark Parks and he did not care about the name of the trail, but that the suggested West Branch Trail made sense. The Board agreed that the name was good. Mr. Moeglin also proposed 3 to 4 logos on the sign: City of Canton, Canton Parks, Stark Parks and possibly ODNR.

A motion was made by J. Angelo to set the name West Branch Trail and proposed sign layout. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

At this time the Board gave the floor to Moeglin.

Mr. Moeglin told the Board about a planned County sewer project that has the trail closed between Fulton and 38th St. N.W. He also told the Board that he was working with the railroad at the 38th St. Crossing to get the trail across the tracks. He also stated he was working on a plan to avoid the need to build a boardwalk over a culvert on the northeast corner of that intersection.

Mr. Moeglin also gave the Board an update on the Fulton Rd. and Stadium Park Dr. intersection improvement project. Mr. Moeglin explained that ODOT had specific requirements that has caused the removal of the left turn lane so there would be a light, but no turn lane. The project should start in the spring. The Director asked if the project would be done before the Hall of Fame activities? Mr. Moeglin stated that was the plan.

4. Easement request from Dominion East Ohio Gas at Ink Park - The Director informed the Board that he had talked to Mr. Bodenschatz of the Engineer's Office and had been told the easement would be only for a pipeline.

Mr. Moeglin stated there were some time issues to be concerned about with regard to the Board's approval.

At the suggestion of the Director, a motion was made by J. Angelo to approve the easement request as long as the easement language was for a pipeline only. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

 Safety Director regarding Park Police - The Director informed the Board that the Safety Director had put off a meeting with the Board until the December meeting when all three Board members would be in attendance.

Issue was tabled.

2. Shelter rental rate review - The Board discussed several issues with regard to rental rates. They also discussed the possibility of getting changes to the union contract to be able to open the Garden Center building up for reservations on weekends at reasonable rates. Charging for public events was also discussed.

The Director was instructed to talk to the Service Director about the union issues and bring a list of recommendations for the Board's consideration to the December meeting.

At this point Mr. Moeglin stated he had several more updates so the Board once again gave him the floor under other business.

Mr. Angelo mentioned the recent JFK Fountain issues, and there was discussion about the fact that Mr. Steve Coon had offered to make repairs to the ring, but that those could not be done until spring. Mr. Foltz stated that may involve the encasement of the old concrete. Mr. Angelo stated he was still going to have a meeting with those people who had contacted him about the memorial and maybe look into the establishment of an endowment fund to provide for future maintenance issues at the fountain.

Mr. Moeglin also mentioned he had an idea to replace the concrete with a stainless steel "pad."

Mr. Moeglin provided the Board with the following updates:

- 1. The grant for the new section of rail along the Middlebranch of the Nimishillen in the Park System was being signed. He stated an intra-agency agreement needed to be done and that the Park Commission would be involved in that process. He also said he would be contacting both Stark Parks and Canton Parks staff to set a meeting to walk the area to determine the exact path of the trail.
- 2. At the Fairhope Preserve project the rough grading was almost done and temporary seeding would be done soon after. The planned finish seeding would be done next summer. He stated most areas would only need mowed once a year with a few areas needing regular mowing. Additional improvements to the area would depend on future funding.
 - He asked about the stocking of the pond, and the Director stated he could put together a stocking plan and establish a budget to get the pond stocked.
- 3. The grant for the Mallonn Park expansion of 12 acres was coming to completion. The city would also get mineral rights to the property and that there were working wells on the property which are currently providing about \$1,100/yr. in income. The Park Commission may need a special account in which to put that money. Mr. Moeglin stated that the owners had donated \$60,000 of the set value to the project. The property should be available sometime in December. He also mentioned that the Board may want to look into allowing horse trails on the property.
 - It was also discussed that someone would have to ask the Park Commission to take control and management of this new City property as a park.
- 4. Mr. Moeglin stated he did not know when the next round of Clean Ohio Grants would be, but that there were properties near the Fairhope Project and Mallonn and Martindale Parks that could be looked at as future park expansions.
- 5. Mr. Moeglin passed out copies of several maps and old grant agreements for the Board's review along with a list of grant opportunities.
- 6. Mr. Moeglin also informed the Board that the Mayor had asked him for some proposals with regard to the parks for money he may be able to get from the state. He did point out that the Mayor had his eye on a project to improve Monument Park, and he had ideas about the Fairhope project. The Director was providing ideas for projects, and Mr. Moeglin brought up the idea of the JFK fountain and other projects around the Garden Center.
- 3. American Red Cross requesting to use shelter #5 and the soccer area in Stadium Park on Sunday, June 27, 2010, to hold their annual "Duck Race" The Board tabled this request until they make some decisions regarding possible fees for such events.

The Director reminded the Board that Mr. Winberry's appointment would expire as of December 31, 2009. He then asked Mr. Winberry if he would be willing to serve another term as a member of the Park Commission. Mr. Winberry indicated he would be so willing, and the Director stated he would inform the Mayor.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Andy Black President

Director/Secretary